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WE SUGGEST TWO CHANGES IN ALLOTMENT PROGRAM

This newspaper believes that at least two changes are needed in the regulations concerning acreage allotments in the farm program. We believe that both are in fairness to farmers and the overall success of the program. These changes are:

1. A minimum allotment figure should be set. As to tobacco, we do not believe that any farm should have an allotment of LESS than one acre. Some say that one acre is not enough. But surely, any farm to be assigned any tobacco allotment at all, should have at least one acre.

2. We favor a rule that a farm would NOT lose its allotment in event it was not used. This seems to us most important in the control program. Many farms have an allotment of one or two acres of tobacco and for varying reasons would not use it in a given year. But rather than lose the allotment in subsequent years, the farmer will go ahead and plant all he is permitted to plant. This adds to the surplus. There are countless good reasons why a farmer with an allotment of one or two acres of tobacco, might desire to skip a year or two, and grow no tobacco at all. But he does not want his farm to lose its allotment, so he plants up to the limit. The result contributes to building up surpluses on one hand and constant cutting of allotments on the other.

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PROGRESS AGAINST COMMON COLD

The recent announcement of the Public Health Service, telling of a new vaccine which promises to bring "substantial" protection against severe colds and other similar infections, is highly significant. It means that the Public Health Service has taken a most important step in the fight against the common cold in the history of that long and losing battle.

The Public Health Service announced that the first type of serum which had been used in tests had proven seventy-one per cent. effective. The tests were carried out on inmates at reformatories in two states, Ohio and Maryland, and the results were most encouraging.

Already the Public Health Service is making a serum which is expected to improve the efficiency percentage upward from seventy-one per cent. This new and improved serum will be tested this winter on between 5,000 and 10,000 Army recruits.

There is little doubt but that this is another significant announcement in the field of medicine. Although the vaccine is not considered a check against the mild form of colds, it is a definite achievement against severe colds, which are, in most stages, most time-consuming and cause the loss of many man-hours every year.

Commercial drug companies are already working on the vaccine for distribution on a large scale, but the general public will not be able to purchase it "in the near future," according to the Public Health Service. This is true because the serum is still in the experimental stage, and the drug companies and the Public Health Service may require another year or two before perfecting and producing it on a scale which would make it generally available.

The prospect is, however, that the severe cold, which has so long plagued mankind, will be brought under control in another year or so, and this is the best news about colds ever announced.

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RESERVE PROGRAM FLOUNDERS

The new reserve program, enacted into law by Congress at the last session, is off to a disappointing start. Only 1,200 youths have volunteered for the initial group, which began training on October 1st at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The country's youth are not volunteering for the six-months training period of active duty, which will allow them to meet the rest of their military obligations without serving in an active capacity. In other words, youths of the age of 17 through 18½ years can avoid a two-year tour of duty by volunteering for six months training.

Probably the major miscalculation made by those enacting the new reserve program was the assumption that enough of the 100,000 young Americans who become eligible for draft service each month would volunteer for the six-months' training.

Possibly the main reason why more of these youths do not volunteer is the fact that they know that only about one out of each ten American boys reaching draft age, each month, will be drafted. Therefore, they have approximately a nine-out-of-ten chance to avoid the draft, tempting them to take their chances without worrying about a two-year hitch of duty.

THE $10,000 CARS

At least two major automobile manufacturers have come out with cars priced between $8,000 and $10,000. It will also be possible, in the next year, to buy one or two other models—domestic models—costing $8,000 or more.

Some of these automobiles are being manufactured on a "limited production" basis. That means these cars are not intended to be mass-produced models, or best sellers. The idea is to have something that will be exclusive, or rare, and to limit the number of them which may be sold each year.

This seems to be the philosophy being followed by General Motors, with its Brougham, Ford with its Mark II Continental, Chrysler with its Imperial and Packard with its Caribbean.

This is something of the philosophy which motivates some European automobile manufacturers, who produce hand-made cars, and only a few of them, and price them in the $8,000, $10,000 or $14,000 price brakets. The American automobile, in this price bracket, however, is not a hand-made car on the extensive scale of its European counterpart, and is more of a mass-produced car, limited in production, than its European counterpart.

The reason these super-high priced U. S. automobiles are not the buy such high-priced cars are in Europe is because the cars in Europe do not change much from year to year. In other words, one can buy a Rolls-Royce today and the fellow who bought one ten years ago finds himself riding in a car which looks, for all practical purposes, as good as the 1956 model.

If the extra high-priced American cars were built with the idea that they would not be changed much over the years, then it might pay even those who can afford a medium-priced car to go into that field.

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It would be nice if every citizen would do as Boy Scouts try to do — help someone, or do someone a favor, every day. Do you?

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All people are not born free and equal, despite the ideals of the founding fathers. But in this country they come closer to it than anywhere else.

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The test of brains is whether you can violently disagree with a person and not feel any personal resentment against him in a discussion of your differences.

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We predict that the fellow who forecast the end of the world in 1955 will revise his forecast shortly.

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There is more and more talk about a Stevenson - Kefauver ticket in 1956, in case you are interested.

Chick Chats

Choose Correct Size of Flock

What's the best size flock for your farm? The answer depends on your goal in poultry raising.

If you want to produce eggs and meat just for your family, a small flock—50 to 100 birds—is all that's necessary.

If you want family produce plus a cash income from poultry, you should have at least 400 layers.

If you want to be really in the poultry business, 1,000 layers is minimum—and the sky's the limit in the other direction.

Let's take a look at some typical figures. In Iowa, small laying flocks averaging 154 birds produced a labor return of only $93.35 in a recent year. But larger flocks averaging 580 birds produced a net of $784.

That's about 60c per bird, compared with $1.35.

In Missouri, the annual income over feed cost in flocks running around 375 birds has averaged $1,324. This is several times more than the return from the average flock of 80 to 100 birds.

Profit Reasons

Here are three principal why large laying flocks are most profitable. 1. The farmer has more to work with eggs and poultry to sell. That he makes more total profit.

2. With a larger flock, he can use buildings and equipment more efficiently. Labor and expenses do not double when size doubles.

3. The larger flock owner enjoys certain buying and selling advantages. He may purchase feed other supplies in larger quantities at a discount. As he sells eggs in numbers, they are usually of better quality, and therefore better eggs.

Your decision to move into a flock size will be based — at least — on housing space. Probably means a new or remodeled house, since most older farm houses were designed for flocks of 200 birds.

Most experts agree that 3 to 4 feet per bird is about right for chickens of the light breeds.

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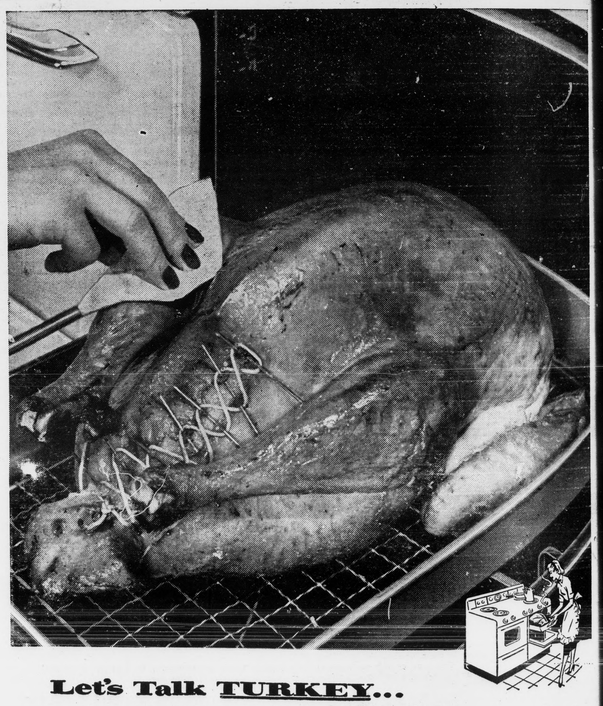

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French Onion Soup

...onions
...tablespoons butter
...parsley
...canned condensed ...
...
...of French bread
...cheese

...sliced onions in a kettle with ...butter. Stir and fry until a ...brown. Add a little minced ...d consomme, no water is ...d. Taste to see if more sea... is needed. Pour into a heat...casserole to serve. ...slices of French bread, ...on top of soup and put under ...until cheese melts and ...er, bring to a boil, and then reduce heat and simmer for 4 hours. Remove bones and bag. Strain. Mash beans with a potato masher and return to soup. Add bits of meat, pepper, and tomato. Heat and serve.

Cream Corn Soup

3 3-4 cups cream style corn
1 slice onion
3 cups milk
1 1-2 cups water
3 tablespoons chopped pimiento
3 tablespoons butter
4 1-2 tablespoons flour
3-4 teaspoon salt
1-8 teaspoon pepper

Put corn, onion, milk, water, and pimiento in top of a double boiler. Cook 20 minutes. Rub through a sieve. Blend butter and flour, salt and pepper. Add to corn mixture. Heat just to the boiling point and serve at once. Serve with hot corn sticks.

Okra Soup

...bone with meat on it
...cold water
...sliced okra
...can tomatoes
...chopped
...red Pepper

...soupbone with cold water ...to boiling; cook for one ...Add okra, tomatoes and onion. ...to taste. Cook for 2 hours. ...with hot cooked rice.

Navy Bean Soup

...package dried peas or ...
...cold water
...smoked lamb shoulder bones
...tablespoons salt
...peeled clove garlic
...bay leaf
...sprigs parsley
...teaspoon majoran
...tbsp minced onion
...can canned tomatoes

...beans, pick over, and soak ...water overnight. Drain. ...liquid from beans, add ...cold water to make 2 quarts. ...beans with bones and salt. ...garlic, bay leaf, parsley, marjoram and onion in a small cheesecloth bag. Add to bean mixture. Cover.

Polish Beet Soup

2 bunches beets, peeled
6 cups water
3 bullion cubes
Few sprigs parsley
1 diced carrot
Pinch of marjoram
2 bay leaves
2 onions sliced
Sugar—salt
Lemon juice about 3 tablespoons
Polish sausage cut into small pieces or thin shreds of salami.

2 slightly beaten egg yolks
1 cup thick sour cream.

Chop or grate beets. Add water and bullion cubes. Add parsley, carrots, marjoram, bay leaves, and onions. Cook for 1 hour. Strain. To the stock add a little sugar, salt and lemon juice. It should be on the tart side. Add sausage. Stir into the beaten egg yolks and sour cream. Add the soup. Heat, stirring constantly.

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In Fashion Now

Men's shirts have been taken over by the ladies. They have been given a feminine twist and are a big favorite with all age groups. Ladies, who have long known a good thing when they see it, have even succeeded in making one large manufacturer of men's shirts create a line of shirts just for the girls.

Designers tell us that slim-necked teen agers look best in miniature men's shirts with high collar-bands. One good thing to keep in mind is that it takes a long-necked woman to wear a high collar without looking broad in the jowls. However, this does not mean that you can't wear a man-styled shirt if you have a short neck. There are many different designs and some were created with a short neck in mind.

The Ascot collar is a clever variation on the button-down tab. For wear with suits it can be crossed or buttoned. Another way is to twist and button under for a new effect.

One of the country's leading designers of cocktail and evening clothes said that she believes that every woman should have a dress rehearsal before she goes to any big party.

She suggests that this rehearsal be three or four days before the event. Assemble all the things you will be wearing, beginning with the foundation garment and continuing right through to the jewelry accessories.

Next, get completely dressed and look at yourself in a three-way mirror. She says this visual aid is something she considers a must for every woman who wants to consider herself fashionable.

Check carefully for bra straps that may show, the slip or the dress may need some last-minute attention. Be sure that your accessories are right. If they are not or if some last-minute alteration is necessary,

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

Travel influence is showing up more and more today in furniture styles. Designers are seeking inspiration from the Scandanavian countries, from Spain, Italy and the Far East.

Foreign influence is becoming even more important with the beautiful new lines inspired by such countries as Persia, India and Indo-China.

Much of its recent popularity has been attributed to its special fitness for today's open and airy rooms and to its simplicity of design. The Far Eastern influence actually goes back two centuries and is not a new favorite in American homes.

Chippendale borrowed some of his best motifs from the Orient. During the 17th and 18th centuries Chinese accessories for the home were brought from the East by numerous seafarers to be combined with the carved and painted furniture of both the French and English courts of their day.

Modern designers are taking full advantage of the luxurious look that can be given to furniture by the addition of simple, classic Oriental lines in tables and accessories, many with bright, clear lacquer shades.

Italian Provincial has always been a favorite with decorators. Today many pieces are available in a lower price range than ever before. These Italian Provincial pieces are a rich looking, but practical contribution to the home.

The simple grace of the Italian Provincial look is often set off by deeply scored panels or touches and canted ends. A soft gray-brown shade generally characterizes the furniture.

Some manufactures are touring to the Orient for Accent pieces. One such is a chest, lacquered in bright orange, with flat brass decoration. Another uses Japanese motifs on gold leaf squares on a chest with rounded legs.

Hunting season opens Monday. Remember to respect the rights of property owners.

PLEA FOR HUNTING SAFETY

Webb Midyette, chief of the Law Enforcement Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, advises all the game wardens and conservation officers through their supervisors to call the attention of hunters to the fact that the general hunting season opened on November 21 and that every person who bears arms during the season should be especially careful in handling firearms so that accidents will be reduced to a minimum.

While Virginia's rate in proportion to the number of hunters in the field is probably as low as any in the nation, the Commission wishes it were possible to go through the entire season without hunting accidents. This could be done if everybody would handle his gun with extreme care.

Posted signs are on sale at the Times-Virginia office. Also hunting permit cards.

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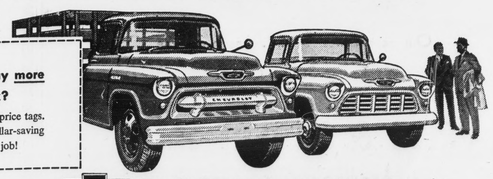

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